

### **Note from the Chair – Peter Simpson**

We are coming out of strict lockdown but the committee feel that we should maintain our existing Covid 19 measures for the time being; erring on the side of caution.

As we get busier, we will be looking for volunteers to supplement the few members that shoulder most of the work. Please let me know if you are willing to help and what you think of the idea of some form of compulsory duty time.

### **Brenda Smith**

Bren was a member of our club for a little over 3yrs; she had heard about the club through one of her TG friends, she took Barry along and both became addicted to the game. Bren had been poorly for the past six months but was reluctant to tell people that she was terminally ill as in her words " if people know they will treat me differently".

Bren passed away on the 13th of July in the RUH surrounded by her family. I'm sure you want to join me in extending our condolences to Barry and his family. Her sunny and friendly personality will be missed on the pistes, both at Queen Sq and Larkhall.

Her funeral is on Wednesday 18 August at 11.30pm, All Saints Weston, Weston, Bath followed by refreshments in the ASW Church Centre.

### **Club Championships**

Following the postponement of the Mixed Doubles last weekend we've been looking at alternative dates for our

last two Doubles events, taking into account the mens and ladies football calendar, plus PE and GWR matches. This has proved to be a challenge and we have re-scheduled the Mixed Doubles for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August. The remaining Championship event dates are now:

Mixed Doubles – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August

Doubles – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August

These dates come with the following caveats:

1. There is a Ladies football friendly scheduled for the afternoon of the 8<sup>th</sup> of August.
2. The 21<sup>st</sup> of August is a scheduled FA Cup round date, so may also be subject to change depending on the Larks progress in earlier rounds.

Entries for teams already entered into the Mixed Doubles will be rolled forward to the new date and new entries will be accepted until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August.

The book is now open for the Doubles on the 21<sup>st</sup>, so please complete the attached entry form if you would like to enter. if you would like to play but don't have a partner we can help, contact Mike or Steve and we will pair you up for the day. These internal championships are only open to Club members, so this is an excellent opportunity for everyone to get involved in some competitive play with friends. As in previous years, entry to all Club Championship events is free of charge.

These are expected to be a full day's competition so please come suitably equipped. Coffee and teas will be served from the shed and the Clubhouse may be open for alcoholic

and soft drinks. As there is no catering, the LSC 'no food' rule is once again relaxed and you are welcome to bring your own food for lunchtime.

The Doubles event replaces the usual Saturday morning session on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Brunel**

Due to clashes with the European football tournament the club only played two matches in July, beating Premier Cru and drawing with top of the league Northey. Well done to the team especially given both games were away.

### **Inter Regional Qualifiers**

The last of the three Inter Regional qualifying events took place at Cricklade this month. With twelve teams representing the GWR region it's really pleasing to see club members representing no less than four of the qualifying teams. That's:

- The Incrediboules (Bryan, Phil, Adrian & Martin)
- Banjacs (Cary & Mary, Steve & Ann)
- Gladiators (Mike Mills, Mike Mathias, Christine & Clive)
- Raging Boules (Peter and Mike)

All four teams will represent GWR in the national Championship at Melton Mowbray later this year.

A picture of two of the Mike's celebrating qualification.



### **GWR in August**

The entry forms for the GWR Singles & Shooting (15<sup>th</sup> August) and Over 50s (22<sup>nd</sup> August) competitions are now on their website <https://www.gwrpetanque.com/> so get your entries in, especially when the Singles and Shooting will be staged at our club.

### **Coaching**

As summer draws to a close there is still the opportunity for some last-minute coaching before the darker nights return. There are sessions Monday evenings at 5.30, 6 and 6.30pm. You can book your slot by emailing [coaching@bathboules.co.uk](mailto:coaching@bathboules.co.uk).

### **Your Committee**

The next committee meeting is the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. So, if you have any items you wish to raise, please contact [jenny@bathboules.co.uk](mailto:jenny@bathboules.co.uk) and she will add it to the next agenda.

### **Shed Bunting**

Dalene has sent a short update on the bunting project:

*We have been thrilled at the response to our invitation to design flags for bunting as a tribute to our club. Results to date have*

been awesome and we've seriously laughed aloud at many of the images. It certainly looks like everyone has got into the spirit of this project and really enjoyed participating. We hope you will all be able to see and admire your flags fluttering soon as you sip your coffee after a hard game.

For those of you who have yet to join in the fun or who would like to make another, flags and pens will be available on Tuesdays after boules so it's not too late to get creative. Designs based on your individual Team Names and any boules events you've represented your club in, would be really welcome. See attached image of the fantastic flags made so far.



future of the Club, should contact Chris McGinn at [chris@chrismcginn.com](mailto:chris@chrismcginn.com) who will be happy to get you started.

### Weekly times of play

#### **Larkhall Sports Club**

Saturday 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Tuesday 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

#### **Queen Square**

Wednesday 11.00 am - 1.00 pm

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### Do you use Facebook or Twitter?

If you do, your club needs you. We are looking to find a small cohort of members, or their non-playing partners, who use Facebook or Twitter to act as a sounding board and / or contributors to our social media efforts over the coming months. Please drop Chris Garcia an email to [chris@garciafamily.co.uk](mailto:chris@garciafamily.co.uk), so that we can keep you updated as our plans develop. Chris is hoping to hear from you.

### Social News

**100 club**  
This month's winner was Sally with a pay out of £72. Members wishing to join the scheme, which is important for the